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FEBRUARY 23, 1978 (SALT TWO - 1647)

1. (ROWNY/BELETSKY-USTINOV, A-2054)

NEW TYPES

BELETSKY COMPLAINED ABOUT NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF U.S. TOWARD
SOVIET PROPOSAL ON NEW TYPES. HE SAID SOVIET POSITION WAS
ALREADY COMPROMISE AND THEY HAD MADE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD
U.S. POSITION TODAY. ON OTHER HAND, U.S. DELEGATION IS
MAKING NO EFFORT TO MOVE IN SOVIET DIRECTION. BELETSKY
DISCUSSED CONCILIATORY AND COMPROMISING BEHAVIOR OF SOVIET
DELEGATION AND SAID U.S. STATEMENTS ON STABILITY ARE DIVER-
SIONARY AND CONTRIVED. HE ADDED THAT U.S. WAS ENTITLED TO
TRIAD, BUT FOR SOVIETS TO FAIL TO IMPROVE THEIR ICBMS
WOULD BE TO UNDERMINE EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY.

HEAVY BOMBERS/VARIANTS

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REFERRING TO U.S. STATEMENT, BELETSKY SAID U.S. WAS RE-
PEATING SAME QUESTIONS ASKED BEFORE AND ANSWERS WERE IN
AGREED STATEMENTS TO II.3.

REDUCTIONS

BELETSKY SAID U.S. PLACES GREATER EMPHASIS ON FURTHER RE-

DUCTIONS BUT, AS SEMENOV HAD SAID, SUCH REDUCTIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE WHEN OUTCOME OF PROTOCOL IS KNOWN.

2. (JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN, A-2055)

CRUISE MISSILES

SHCHUKIN SAID MOST TROUBLESOME ASPECT OF U.S. APPROACH WAS INCLUSION OF CONCEPT OF OPERATIONAL SITUATIONS IN DEFINITION OF CRUISE MISSILE RANGE. MAIN DIFFERENCE WAS U.S. INCLUDED COMBAT ROLE IN DEFINITION WHEREAS SOVIETS DID NOT. HE SUGGESTED SIDES EXAMINE TWO APPROACHES TO DETERMINE WHICH WOULD BETTER SERVE PURPOSES OF TREATY. SHCHUKIN STRESSED HE ATTACHED GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO 600 KM RANGE, BECAUSE UP TO 600 KM SIDES WERE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING THEY PLEASED WITH REGARD TO CRUISE MISSILES. 600 KM BOUNDARY WAS WHERE LIMITATIONS BEGAN TO APPLY. THEREFORE, DEFINING THIS BOUNDARY WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

NEW TYPES

REGARDING SOVIET PLENARY STATEMENT, AFTER CAREFUL U.S. STUDY OF SOVIET PROPOSAL, SOVIETS HOPED PROGRESS WOULD BE POSSIBLE AS RESULT OF PROPOSED NEW TYPES DEFINITION. SHCHUKIN INDICATED THAT SOVIETS, BY DEFINING TIME LIMIT "1976" AND CLEARLY INDICATING FEATURES CONSTITUTING NEW TYPE, WERE ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH U.S. CONCERNS THAT
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EXISTING MISSILE COULD BECOME COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BY CHANGES TO COMPONENTS.

HEAVY BOMBERS/VARIANTS

AS SHCHUKIN UNDERSTOOD TODAY'S U.S. STATEMENT, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TU-95 AND TU-142 WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE BY NTM THAT ONE WAS HEAVY BOMBER AND OTHER WAS ASW AIRCRAFT. SHCHUKIN WANTED TO NOTE THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT NTM COULD DEFINITELY DETERMINE THAT TU-142 HAD NEVER BEEN USED IN HEAVY BOMBER ROLE DURING TRAINING OR ANY OTHER EXERCISES. TU-95 HAD SIMILARLY NEVER BEEN USED FOR ASW. ALSO, HE BELIEVED THAT ANY AVIATION SPECIALIST WOULD SAY THAT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO CONVERT ASW AIRCRAFT TO HEAVY BOMBER.

3. (KWIECIAK/JOURAVLEV-BEKETOV, A-2056)

NEW TYPES

REFERRING TO SOVIET PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT, JOURAVLEV SAID CHANGE IN ANY STAGE OF MISSILE CONSTITUTED NEW ICBM. THEREFORE, SINCE PROPULSION SYSTEM IS IN FACT STAGE OF

MISSILE, SIDES SHARE SIMILAR VIEW ON THIS POINT. REFER-
RING TO GUIDANCE CHANGES, NOT AFFECTING EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS
OR LAUNCH-WEIGHT OR THROW-WEIGHT OF MISSILE, BEKETOV SAID
THIS WAS NOT VERIFIABLE AND THEREFORE NOT A CONSIDERATION.
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